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1. An unidentified Yugoslav Control Commission recently submitted a report to First Army headquarters concerning political education in the division stationed at Kragujevac (possibly 10 Division). The report stressed the failure of instructors to adapt themselves to the intelligence level of the soldiers. It further charged political instructors with failing to devote sufficient attention to those soldiers who are weaker than others, as well as with neglecting to explain the background of current events and newspaper articles. The necessity for proper adaptation of political ideological indoctrination to the varied military levels was emphasized.
2. The Control Commission of the Nis Military District also submitted a report concerning political instruction of military units in the Nis District. The report particularly criticized the superficial and faulty instruction being given to the troops. Examples were cited of false statements made by political instructors which both confused the students and distorted the Party line. One example that was cited concerned the case of an instructor in the Vladicin Han garrison who, while giving a political summary, took the liberty of explaining that the Albanian Assistant Minister of Transportation was arrested for supporting the Yugoslav Communist Party line. The instructor reportedly made this statement in spite of the fact that no such information had appeared in the Yugoslav press or elsewhere. Such errors were not considered intentional but were ascribed to a lack of study on the part of the instructors, as well as the tendency of the latter to rely upon previous knowledge without attempting to ascertain and evaluate current information.

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